

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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SKATEPARK REDESIGN AIMS FOR PEPSI FUNDING

The City recently unveiled a design for an expanded and redesigned skatepark on Burlington's waterfront. The new design was developed after several public meetings and in partnership with the Burlington Skatepark Coalition. The new skatepark will complement redevelopment of the Moran Plant.

The Skatepark Coalition has entered the Skatepark into a competition for a \$50,000 grant through the Pepsi Refresh Project. To be eligible for the grant, the skatepark must be a Top 10 Pepsi Refresh vote-getter. To vote for Burlington's project:

- Go to www.refresheverything.com/btvskatepark
- Text ID code 106281 to 73774

Winning this award will be a significant step for the project and also demonstrate a high level of community support!



Redesigned Burlington Skatepark site

To learn more about the proposal, go to: http://www.cedoburlington.org/waterfront/moran_plant/redevelopment_proposal.htm

CITY RECOGNIZED BY UNITED WAY

BED'S CATHY CHAMBERLAIN IS "KEY PERSON OF THE YEAR"

The City of Burlington's 2010 United Way Campaign was recognized with a "Bronze Award" for achieving an 80 percent participation rate or a 30 percent increase in dollars pledged from the previous year. The City's success was due in great part to the efforts of Burlington Electric Department employee Cathy Chamberlain, who was also named the United Way's "Key Person of the Year." Congratulations to Cathy and to all City staff on this achievement!

For more information on the United Way of Chittenden County and all of its important programs, go to: www.unitedwaycc.org.



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FLOODING

Burlington continues to deal with the aftermath of severe flooding along the shoreline. FEMA has visited the City to begin the damage assessment process. In addition to several homes on Lake Champlain and at the mouth of the Winooski River, as well as businesses on the Waterfront, City

infrastructure has also been damaged — the extent of which will not be fully known until the waters recede.

We'll continue working with FEMA to adequately assess all the damage. If your home, property, or business has been damaged, call 2-1-1 to report it. If you have questions or need more information, call 863-9094 or go on-line to: www.ci.burlington.vt.us/information/flood/. Information about volunteering for flood clean-up is below!

FY12 BUDGET

I was disappointed that the City Council refused to support a modest .02 tax increase to meet an anticipated budget gap of about

\$760,000. The last such increase was in 2004. The City has developed a set of reductions, efficiencies and new revenues that will meet the gap. This primarily affects the Police, Parks, Public Works, and Library departments. I encourage residents to review the budget and the proposed reductions here: www.ci.burlington.vt.us/mayor/.

With best regards,

Bob Kiss, Mayor

Contact Mayor Kiss at: mayor@ci.burlington.vt.us or www.ci.burlington.vt.us/mayor

STRAW-FREE BURLINGTON

One young Burlington resident is doing what he can to reduce waste! Nine-year old Milo Cress has initiated "Be Straw-Free," to encourage people and businesses to only use straws if needed. Milo estimates that about 500 million disposable plastic straws are used every year in the U.S. He is asking businesses to not automatically give customers straws — an "offer first!" policy. To support Milo's effort, Mayor Kiss has issued a proclamation officially recognizing an "offer first" policy as a best practice. Milo is hoping that Burlington can become the first Straw-Free City in America!



For more information about Be Straw-Free, go to www.bestrawfree.org/. Read Mayor Kiss's proclamation at: www.ci.burlington.vt.us/mayor/proclamations/.



VERMONT CITY MARATHON

On May 29 Burlington will host the Keybank Vermont City Marathon for the 23rd year! For the 6th straight year, Mayor Kiss will run in the Marathon as part of a relay team.

This signature Burlington event draws thousands of participants, their friends and families, and running fans

to the city every year. Several City departments are involved in helping the event to run smoothly. See www.runvermont.org/ for information about this year's Marathon!

Interested in volunteering to help Burlington recover from flooding?

Contact the Mayor's Office at 865-7272 or send your name and contact info to mayor@ci.burlington.vt.us.